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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGIONS

	January, 1980			January 31, 1980	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
	(Million Board Feet)				
SOFTWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Pine Region	633	594	668	597	1,214
Douglas Fir Region	651	618	753	664	899
Western Pine Region	608	644	754	513	1,273
California Redwood Region	148	156	175	157	427
Other Softwoods	130	128	150	263	260
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,170	2,140	2,500	2,194	4,073
% Change - Dec., 1979	+ 6.6	+ 4.2	+14.9	+19.6	+ 0.7
% Change - Jan., 1979	- 6.1	- 5.1	- 0.4	- 3.1	+ 0.5
HARDWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Hardwood Region	295	272	269	253	581
Appalachian Hardwood Region	108	92	90	*	*
Other Hardwoods	225	203	200	118	647
TOTAL HARDWOODS	628	567	559	371	1,228
% Change - Dec., 1979	+10.0	+10.1	+13.2	- 2.1	+ 5.2
% Change - Jan., 1979	+ 7.9	- 0.2	+ 1.1	-32.9	+51.6
TOTAL LUMBER	2,798	2,707	3,059	2,565	5,301
% Change - Dec., 1979	+ 7.4	+ 5.4	+14.6	+15.9	+ 1.7
% Change - Jan., 1979	- 3.3	- 4.1	- 0.1	- 8.9	+ 9.0
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
FLOORING:	(Thousand Board Feet)				
Oak Flooring Region	**	8,220	**	4,925	6,620
Maple Flooring Region	2,024	1,856	1,601	11,871	1,587
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD:	(Thousand Square Feet 3/8" Basis)				
Total All Regions	1,564,326	1,500,329	1,638,948	979,338	309,374
% Change - Dec., 1979	+24.3	+20.6	+36.9	+18.5	+ 6.3
% Change - Jan., 1979	- 6.8	- 6.1	+ 1.4	- 6.8	-12.8

** Data will no longer be available as of 1/1/80

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

PRODUCTION

	Jan.'80	Percent Change From Dec.'79	Percent Change From Jan.'79
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	7,996	+19.5	- 3.2
Douglas Fir Reg.	8,180	- 4.6	- 1.8
Western Pine Reg.	8,996	- 5.1	-14.4
Calif. Redwood Reg.	1,708	-12.6	+ 2.1
Other Softwoods	1,712	+ 6.4	- 5.8
Total Softwoods	28,592	+ 1.0	- 6.5
Total Hardwoods	8,346	+11.4	+ 7.9
TOTAL LUMBER.	36,938	+ 3.2	- 3.6

SHIPMENTS

	Jan.'80	Percent Change From Dec.'79	Percent Change From Jan.'79
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	7,648	+13.0	- 6.6
Douglas Fir Reg.	8,096	- 2.5	- 8.6
Western Pine Reg.	9,758	+ 0.8	- 3.7
Calif. Redwood Reg.	1,866	- 9.3	+11.4
Other Softwoods	1,776	+ 8.8	- 5.2
Total Softwoods	29,144	+ 2.5	- 5.2
Total Hardwoods	6,915	+ 0.4	- 0.2
TOTAL LUMBER.	36,059	+ 2.1	- 4.2

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

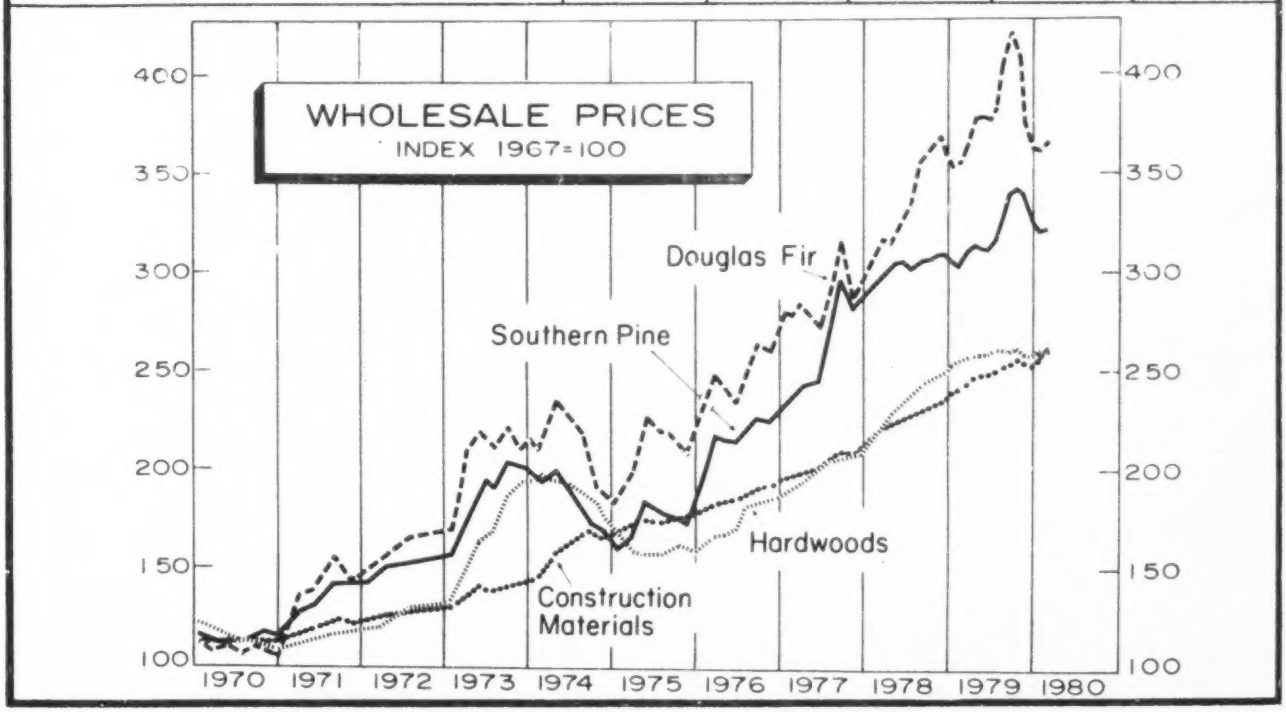
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber - 1 mo. '80	2,798	2,707	3,059
Total Lumber - 1 mo. '79	2,892	2,824	3,062
% Change	- 3.3	- 4.1	- 0.1
Softwood Lumber -1 mo. '80	2,170	2,140	2,500
Softwood Lumber -1 mo. '79	2,310	2,256	2,509
% Change	- 6.1	- 5.1	- 0.4
Hardwood Lumber -1 mo. '80	628	567	559
Hardwood Lumber -1 mo. '79	582	568	553
% Change	+ 7.9	- 0.2	+ 1.1

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

	Jan. 80	Percent Change From Dec. 79	Percent Change From Jan. 79	1 mo.80	Percent Change From 1 mo.79
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS					
Softwoods					
From Canada					
Other Sources		Not Available			
Hardwoods					
From Canada					
Other Sources					
Other (not specified)					
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	169.4	- 6.0	+22.3	169.4	+22.3
Softwoods	134.4	- 9.3	+18.1	134.4	+18.1
Hardwoods	27.1	+22.0	+22.0	27.1	+22.0
Other (not specified)	7.8	-20.4	+225.0	7.8	+225.0
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CANADA	47.9	+12.9	+ 0.1	47.9	+ 0.1

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Jan. '80	Dec. '79	Jan. '79	1 mo.'80	1 mo.'79
Value of all NEW CONSTRUCTION		(Millions of Dollars)			
Put in Place	16,244	-12.8	+16.0	16,244	+16.0
Private	12,883	-13.8	+15.2	12,883	+15.2
Residential	6,551	-10.7	+ 7.4	6,551	+ 7.4
Nonresidential & Other	6,332	-16.8	+24.5	6,332	+24.5
Public	3,362	- 8.7	+19.2	3,362	+19.2
	Feb. '80	Jan. '80	Feb. '79	2 mos.'80	2 mos.'79
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED		(Thousands of Units)			
Total Private & Public Starts	80.9	+10.1	- 4.5	154.4	-10.8
New Private Starts	80.2	+ 9.6	- 5.1	153.4	-11.2
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates	1,334	- 6.3	- 9.2		
One-Family Housing Starts	49.4	- 0.4	-16.7	99.0	-15.2
(Proportion of Total Starts)	61.1			64.1	
	Jan. '80	Dec. '79	Jan. '79	1 mo.'80	1 mo.'79
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED		(Millions of Dollars)			
All Private Construction					
New Housing Units		Data Not Available			
New Nonresidential					
Additions and alterations					
		(Number of Units)			
Shipments of MOBILE HOMES	18,100	+24.0	- 5.7	18,100	- 5.7



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

U. S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION	CURRENT: Latest Period Available	CURRENT: % Change From QIII '79	CURRENT: % Change From QIV '78	YEAR - TO - DATE: Latest Period Available	YEAR - TO - DATE: % Change From
	QIV '79			12 mos. '79	12 mos. '78
		(Million Board Feet)			
Total	10,627	-12.5	-10.8	45,937	- 4.8
Softwoods	8,981	-13.4	-11.6	39,009	- 5.9
Hardwoods	1,646	- 7.1	- 6.1	6,928	+ 1.9

Total EMPLOYMENT - (Seasonally Adjusted)	Feb. '80	% Change From Jan. '80	% Change From Feb. '79
	(Thousands of Employees)		
All Industries	90,731	+ 0.2	+ 2.3
All Manufacturing Industries	20,900	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	727	- 0.7	- 5.3
Furniture and Fixtures	480	- 0.8	- 3.2

WHOLESALE PRICES	Feb. '80	% Change From Jan. '80	% Change From Feb. '79
	(Index - 1967 = 100)		
All Commodities	259.8	+ 2.0	+15.9
All Construction Materials	262.2	+ 1.2	+ 7.4
Lumber and Wood Products	294.8	+ 1.7	+ 0.3
All Lumber	341.5	+ 1.5	+ 0.5
Softwood Lumber	363.0	+ 2.1	+ 0.3
Douglas Fir Lumber	367.4	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
Southern Pine Lumber	322.2	+ 0.1	+ 5.2
Other Softwood Lumber	374.9	+ 3.6	- 2.6
Hardwood Lumber	259.9	- 0.5	+ 1.0
Millwork	258.0	+ 1.5	+ 2.6
Softwood Plywood	300.8	+ 4.2	-11.5
Hardwood Plywood	174.8	0.0	+ 9.1
Wood Household Furniture	213.2	+ 1.1	+11.5
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	238.9	+ 0.6	+14.4
Steel Mill Products	294.2	+ 0.2	+ 8.2
Aluminum Shapes	257.0	0.0	+ 6.9
Concrete Products	266.2	+ 0.5	+12.6
Structural Clay Products	231.1	+ 0.7	+ 9.7

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